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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

1. FOLLOWING IS MIDDLE EAST SITUATION THROUGH EVENING OF  
OCTOBER 23.

2. MILITARY SITUATION: ISRAEL HAS NOT RECOGNIZED CEASE-  
FIRE ON SYRIAN FRONT IN ABSENCE OF SYRIAN AGREEMENT AND  
FIGHTING CONTINUES. SYRIANS MOUNTED LARGE ARTILLERY ATTACK  
ON ISRAELI POSITIONS ON MT. HERMON AND ISRAELI AIR FORCE  
RESPONDED. NO MAJOR GROUND ATTACKS REPORTED.

3. BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT CLAIM OTHER IS VIOLATING CEASE-  
FIRE BUT INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS HAVE NOT VERIFIED EITHER  
CLAIM. ACTIVITY IS MOST INTENSE ON SOUTHERN FLANKS OF  
ISRAELI WEST BANK TASK FORCE.

4. SECURITY COUNCIL: SECURITY COUNCIL CONVENED AT 4:30 P.M  
EDT OCT. 23 AT REQUEST OF EGYPT- US INTRODUCED DRAFT  
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RESOLUTION COSPONSORED BY USSR REAFFIRMING UNSC DECISION  
ABOUT IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF ALL KINDS OF FIRING, URGING  
FORCES OF TWO SIDES BE RETURNED TO POSITIONS THEY OCCUPIED  
AT MOMENT CEASEFIRE BECAME EFFECTIVE, AND SUGGESTING SYG

DISPATCH UN OBSERVERS TO SUPERVISE OBSERVATION OF CEASE-FIRE USING UN OBSERVERS AVAILABLE IN AREA AND FIRST OF ALL PERSONNEL NOW IN CAIRO. RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED 14 TO 0 WITH CHINA DECLARING ITS NON-PARTICIPATION.

5. POLITICAL PRESSURE IN ISRAEL: RIGHT WING POLITICAL OPPOSITION IN ISRAEL CHARGED OCT 22 THAT UNSC RESOLUTION WOULD NOT LEAD TO PEACE, AND THAT GOI WAS GUILTY OF GRAVE ERROR IN WEEK PRECEDING WAR BY NOT ACTING WITH MOBILIZATION. MRS. MEIR DEFENDED GOI POLICY IN KNESSET OCT. 23 AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S. AS ONE OF MAIN REASONS ISRAEL AGREED TO CEASE-FIRE.

6. MILITARY PRESSURE IN CAIRO: EGYPTIAN TROOPS ON CANAL FRONT WERE REPORTEDLY BITTER AT SADAT'S ACCEPTANCE OF CEASE-FIRE. NEWSWEEK EDITOR DE BORCHEGRAVE DESCRIBED WHAT HE TERMED TO BE MUTINY OF EGYPTIAN TROOPS IN KANTARA LASTING 45 MINUTES IN PROTEST AT SADAT'S DECISION.

7. ETHIOPIAN BREAK WITH ISRAEL: IEG ANNOUNCED BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH ISRAEL UNTIL ISRAEL WITHDRAWS FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IEG WAS UNDER PRESSURE FROM ARAB GOVERNMENTS, SOVIET UNION AND OTHER AFRICAN STATES TO TAKE THIS STEP. KISSINGER

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